

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:08,680

2  
00:00:08,680 --> 00:00:10,040  
Here we go.

3  
00:00:10,040 --> 00:00:14,140  
Then my mother brought  
me back to health.

4  
00:00:14,140 --> 00:00:16,830  
And then we were  
driven out of our town.

5  
00:00:16,830 --> 00:00:19,450  
I must have been Easter time.

6  
00:00:19,450 --> 00:00:21,550  
[? Second ?] days of Easter.

7  
00:00:21,550 --> 00:00:25,990  
The doors like a  
marketplace, all the Germans,

8  
00:00:25,990 --> 00:00:31,630  
but mainly there was Ukraines,  
Ukraine, from Ukraine people,

9  
00:00:31,630 --> 00:00:33,630  
with the black uniforms.

10  
00:00:33,630 --> 00:00:36,370  
And they were so ordinary.

11  
00:00:36,370 --> 00:00:40,600  
I never encountered--  
the Poles were bad.

12  
00:00:40,600 --> 00:00:47,320  
I can-- I'll tell you  
the truth, I can--

13

00:00:47,320 --> 00:00:53,680

not I have anything against  
humanity or against people.

14

00:00:53,680 --> 00:00:59,980

But it's what they did is  
unforgivable in my mind,

15

00:00:59,980 --> 00:01:01,000

my estimation of mine.

16

00:01:01,000 --> 00:01:03,580

You know, there's  
certain things,

17

00:01:03,580 --> 00:01:07,630

you can do certain harm to  
somebody but with a little

18

00:01:07,630 --> 00:01:10,370

of sensitivity.

19

00:01:10,370 --> 00:01:13,300

But they hadn't had  
no sensitivity at all.

20

00:01:13,300 --> 00:01:17,110

When we were driving out in the  
market, I remember one episode,

21

00:01:17,110 --> 00:01:21,730

there was one German getting  
up on a couple-- a few Germans,

22

00:01:21,730 --> 00:01:22,300

SS.

23

00:01:22,300 --> 00:01:29,140

They went up on a wagon,  
like on a horse and buggy

24

00:01:29,140 --> 00:01:31,230  
wagon, a tall one.

25  
00:01:31,230 --> 00:01:32,620  
Or he had a stool there.

26  
00:01:32,620 --> 00:01:35,890  
He was talking to  
the whole area.

27  
00:01:35,890 --> 00:01:39,220  
And the people were very, very--

28  
00:01:39,220 --> 00:01:42,010  
all of a sudden, we went--

29  
00:01:42,010 --> 00:01:45,970  
not used to be known during  
the war time that burning down,

30  
00:01:45,970 --> 00:01:49,090  
I think, but we  
weren't used to--

31  
00:01:49,090 --> 00:01:54,400  
we were used to episodes  
like sometimes they

32  
00:01:54,400 --> 00:01:58,010  
used to go down, let's say,  
the Poles in procession.

33  
00:01:58,010 --> 00:02:02,740  
They used to carry all  
their emblems, the Holy

34  
00:02:02,740 --> 00:02:07,181  
Mary, or Jesus, or the  
disciples on their shoulders.

35  
00:02:07,181 --> 00:02:08,889  
There used to be a  
group going with them,

36  
00:02:08,889 --> 00:02:11,410  
and they used to break the  
windows, and they used to kick,

37  
00:02:11,410 --> 00:02:13,530  
and they used to knock,  
and they used to bang.

38  
00:02:13,530 --> 00:02:15,640  
Put them Ukrainians, that was--

39  
00:02:15,640 --> 00:02:18,240  
that I had understood  
this before even

40  
00:02:18,240 --> 00:02:19,320  
that Hitler came in.

41  
00:02:19,320 --> 00:02:21,490  
You know, that's  
what I'm saying,

42  
00:02:21,490 --> 00:02:26,650  
that my Holocaust in  
my life didn't start

43  
00:02:26,650 --> 00:02:29,470  
at 1939 when Hitler came in.

44  
00:02:29,470 --> 00:02:33,690  
It started up years  
before within me.

45  
00:02:33,690 --> 00:02:35,830  
But it lay dormant.

46  
00:02:35,830 --> 00:02:40,690  
But when Hitler came in,  
it brought back to me

47  
00:02:40,690 --> 00:02:42,190

more and more this stuff.

48

00:02:42,190 --> 00:02:46,720

So the them Ukrainians, they  
were going around, hitting them

49

00:02:46,720 --> 00:02:50,380

poor old people,  
kids, kicking them,

50

00:02:50,380 --> 00:02:52,325

knocking them with  
their bayonets,

51

00:02:52,325 --> 00:02:55,300

with the butt of their rifles.

52

00:02:55,300 --> 00:02:58,580

And it's unbelievable.

53

00:02:58,580 --> 00:03:00,220

They put them on wagons.

54

00:03:00,220 --> 00:03:03,260

All the farmers had to  
come in with the wagons.

55

00:03:03,260 --> 00:03:04,810

But they had old people.

56

00:03:04,810 --> 00:03:06,400

They had to dispose of them.

57

00:03:06,400 --> 00:03:13,060

So they give an order to  
the farmers, to bring--

58

00:03:13,060 --> 00:03:17,140

every farmer had to come  
with a horse and buggy.

59

00:03:17,140 --> 00:03:23,380

All disabled people used to  
be thrown into that wagon,

60  
00:03:23,380 --> 00:03:29,810  
and the farmer used to drive  
him through towards that area,

61  
00:03:29,810 --> 00:03:32,860  
towards [ʔ Kʌ̃<sup>3</sup>nskowola ʔ],,  
down there where the barn,

62  
00:03:32,860 --> 00:03:36,100  
where they all drove us in.

63  
00:03:36,100 --> 00:03:39,180  
And the rest of the  
able-bodied people like I,

64  
00:03:39,180 --> 00:03:41,030  
my mother, and my  
brother, healthy people,

65  
00:03:41,030 --> 00:03:41,780  
they used to walk.

66  
00:03:41,780 --> 00:03:43,278  
That was there that--

67  
00:03:43,278 --> 00:03:43,820  
I don't know.

68  
00:03:43,820 --> 00:03:49,200  
Must have been about 10  
kilometers away from our town.

69  
00:03:49,200 --> 00:03:50,880  
And we used to walk.

70  
00:03:50,880 --> 00:03:52,680  
It was a heat, Easter time.

71  
00:03:52,680 --> 00:03:53,250

Was warm.

72

00:03:53,250 --> 00:03:58,200

And my mother was very, very  
not sick, but she was very--

73

00:03:58,200 --> 00:03:59,130

Fragile.

74

00:03:59,130 --> 00:04:00,570

Very-- she was--

75

00:04:00,570 --> 00:04:03,240

my mother was a very  
healthy person, not thin.

76

00:04:03,240 --> 00:04:07,620

But she was torn apart.

77

00:04:07,620 --> 00:04:10,320

My father wasn't there.

78

00:04:10,320 --> 00:04:13,710

I understand now, if you  
have your husband with you--

79

00:04:13,710 --> 00:04:16,769

it's different when  
you got the kids.

80

00:04:16,769 --> 00:04:18,690

My father wasn't there.

81

00:04:18,690 --> 00:04:27,940

And that's what I was telling  
you, then a neighbor of us

82

00:04:27,940 --> 00:04:30,430

had a daughter.

83

00:04:30,430 --> 00:04:35,470

Outstanding in my

mind, very pretty girl.

84

00:04:35,470 --> 00:04:38,150

She was somehow living like--

85

00:04:38,150 --> 00:04:38,990

like a [INAUDIBLE].

86

00:04:38,990 --> 00:04:40,100

She had a little baby.

87

00:04:40,100 --> 00:04:45,090

And she had just got  
married a year before.

88

00:04:45,090 --> 00:04:47,180

Probably, you know  
the young people,

89

00:04:47,180 --> 00:04:53,790

we didn't accept that something  
like this would happen.

90

00:04:53,790 --> 00:04:58,300

And them guys were going  
down toward that area,

91

00:04:58,300 --> 00:05:01,420

and we were walking  
down this road.

92

00:05:01,420 --> 00:05:05,780

And one of the Ukrainians  
with a black uniform, he

93

00:05:05,780 --> 00:05:09,040

outstands me right in my  
face, with a long face,

94

00:05:09,040 --> 00:05:11,730

ordinary face.

95



00:05:11,730 --> 00:05:12,670  
Hit that.

96  
00:05:12,670 --> 00:05:15,700  
Or he meant to  
hit somebody else.

97  
00:05:15,700 --> 00:05:16,680  
He hit that kid.

98  
00:05:16,680 --> 00:05:19,490  
And she walked with  
it all bleeding.

99  
00:05:19,490 --> 00:05:20,730  
And people used to cry.

100  
00:05:20,730 --> 00:05:22,330  
They'd put away the baby.

101  
00:05:22,330 --> 00:05:23,055  
The kid is dead.

102  
00:05:23,055 --> 00:05:27,040  
And she put it into the  
side of the road, that baby.

103  
00:05:27,040 --> 00:05:30,340

104  
00:05:30,340 --> 00:05:33,380  
And just throw it into  
the side of the road.

105  
00:05:33,380 --> 00:05:34,830  
I had another episode.

106  
00:05:34,830 --> 00:05:37,310  
There was a guy like  
I was talking about.

107  
00:05:37,310 --> 00:05:40,150

108  
00:05:40,150 --> 00:05:41,680  
He had-- he was the seizures.

109  
00:05:41,680 --> 00:05:43,680  
He had seizures.

110  
00:05:43,680 --> 00:05:44,370  
Epilepsy?

111  
00:05:44,370 --> 00:05:45,820  
Epilepsy.

112  
00:05:45,820 --> 00:05:50,760  
And he was kind of like a  
fun guy, but he was sick.

113  
00:05:50,760 --> 00:05:53,280  
And I know him as  
a child coming up

114  
00:05:53,280 --> 00:05:55,590  
with him, a distant neighbor.

115  
00:05:55,590 --> 00:05:59,880  
He become-- he got the  
seizure as he was going down.

116  
00:05:59,880 --> 00:06:05,650  
Right after we're going out  
of town or out of our city.

117  
00:06:05,650 --> 00:06:11,490  
And he fell down.

118  
00:06:11,490 --> 00:06:13,090  
And the guy just went down.

119  
00:06:13,090 --> 00:06:16,360  
The Ukrainian guy just  
shot him in the head.

120  
00:06:16,360 --> 00:06:17,950  
Just killed him.

121  
00:06:17,950 --> 00:06:21,610  
I myself was not even--

122  
00:06:21,610 --> 00:06:24,200

123  
00:06:24,200 --> 00:06:26,530  
you know, you are torn apart.

124  
00:06:26,530 --> 00:06:28,810  
Before even you got  
to that concentration

125  
00:06:28,810 --> 00:06:33,820  
camp or that oven, you were  
tortured to death innerly,

126  
00:06:33,820 --> 00:06:35,860  
mentally.

127  
00:06:35,860 --> 00:06:37,150  
You were not a person.

128  
00:06:37,150 --> 00:06:40,140  
You were non-human.

129  
00:06:40,140 --> 00:06:48,360  
You were a-- you didn't  
know where you belonged.

130  
00:06:48,360 --> 00:06:49,190  
Nonthinkable.

131  
00:06:49,190 --> 00:06:52,300  
It was nonthinkable.

132  
00:06:52,300 --> 00:06:53,080

what they did.

133

00:06:53,080 --> 00:06:55,335

What did this-- what did  
this do to you mentally?

134

00:06:55,335 --> 00:06:55,835

Mentally--

135

00:06:55,835 --> 00:06:56,877

Did it make you stronger?

136

00:06:56,877 --> 00:06:58,150

Or did it make you more--

137

00:06:58,150 --> 00:07:00,555

It made me stronger to survive.

138

00:07:00,555 --> 00:07:04,830

139

00:07:04,830 --> 00:07:07,920

That's what I'm talking  
about, they drove us out.

140

00:07:07,920 --> 00:07:11,430

And then we went into the area.

141

00:07:11,430 --> 00:07:18,060

Then like I was telling  
you, I came back to my town

142

00:07:18,060 --> 00:07:18,930

with my brother.

143

00:07:18,930 --> 00:07:25,620

We found our father, and we  
continued on the outskirts.

144

00:07:25,620 --> 00:07:30,120

Not outskirts, away  
from human existence.

145  
00:07:30,120 --> 00:07:31,380  
There was no human there.

146  
00:07:31,380 --> 00:07:34,830  
Only thing you could  
see was animals, cows.

147  
00:07:34,830 --> 00:07:37,770  
You want me talking  
about the animals,

148  
00:07:37,770 --> 00:07:40,470  
I was envying the  
cows on the field,

149  
00:07:40,470 --> 00:07:43,690  
that they don't  
have to be afraid.

150  
00:07:43,690 --> 00:07:46,650  
I was envying the animals.

151  
00:07:46,650 --> 00:07:49,530  
As a young man, what did I do?

152  
00:07:49,530 --> 00:07:51,910  
As I was sitting in the  
fields, I was thinking about it

153  
00:07:51,910 --> 00:07:53,490  
by myself.

154  
00:07:53,490 --> 00:08:02,220  
And things-- and it  
was a horrible thing.

155  
00:08:02,220 --> 00:08:08,560  
And when I come back, we  
started up, and then this,

156  
00:08:08,560 --> 00:08:09,440

and then that.

157

00:08:09,440 --> 00:08:16,100

Finally I joined-- it  
was groups left over.

158

00:08:16,100 --> 00:08:20,780

One group was older people, kids  
where they took them away right

159

00:08:20,780 --> 00:08:27,260

away, the Germans, the Poles,  
give them over to that area

160

00:08:27,260 --> 00:08:30,910

where the Germans  
were, to that office

161

00:08:30,910 --> 00:08:32,530

where the Germans reside.

162

00:08:32,530 --> 00:08:35,419

They give them over, and they  
took him away towards Pulawy.

163

00:08:35,419 --> 00:08:38,370

They went away with the  
single-ized children.

164

00:08:38,370 --> 00:08:40,198

They don't have no  
father, no mother.

165

00:08:40,198 --> 00:08:41,115

It was such a turmoil.

166

00:08:41,115 --> 00:08:45,750

167

00:08:45,750 --> 00:08:53,950

And we stayed on the fields.

168

00:08:53,950 --> 00:08:56,740  
And I remember episodes.

169  
00:08:56,740 --> 00:09:00,400  
So my thinking was,  
I was a youngster.

170  
00:09:00,400 --> 00:09:02,110  
They were older than I am.

171  
00:09:02,110 --> 00:09:05,200  
I joined some groups of people.

172  
00:09:05,200 --> 00:09:05,740  
There were--

173  
00:09:05,740 --> 00:09:08,980  
Some people were left  
deserters from the army,

174  
00:09:08,980 --> 00:09:10,480  
in the Polish army.

175  
00:09:10,480 --> 00:09:11,860  
They couldn't go no place.

176  
00:09:11,860 --> 00:09:16,420  
They were left in our Town  
They were left in our town.

177  
00:09:16,420 --> 00:09:17,420  
They reside in our town.

178  
00:09:17,420 --> 00:09:19,295  
They didn't have no  
place to go back probably

179  
00:09:19,295 --> 00:09:20,300  
towards their own area.

180  
00:09:20,300 --> 00:09:21,340  
So they were residing.

181  
00:09:21,340 --> 00:09:25,200  
And then they made  
a group of them.

182  
00:09:25,200 --> 00:09:30,510  
I don't recall that they  
were 10 or 20 of them people.

183  
00:09:30,510 --> 00:09:34,990  
It's in that book  
written down there.

184  
00:09:34,990 --> 00:09:37,510  
And I stayed with them.

185  
00:09:37,510 --> 00:09:39,970  
But I was a person,  
I was a youngster.

186  
00:09:39,970 --> 00:09:41,610  
I know the farms around there.

187  
00:09:41,610 --> 00:09:43,400  
The area was familiar  
around there.

188  
00:09:43,400 --> 00:09:47,900  
As my father was in the area, he  
used to take me along that area

189  
00:09:47,900 --> 00:09:49,840  
when the school was  
out in the summer.

190  
00:09:49,840 --> 00:09:52,330  
He used to take me  
along on like outings,

191  
00:09:52,330 --> 00:09:55,080  
and he used to go down  
doing business, you know?



192

00:09:55,080 --> 00:09:56,520

But he used to take me along.

193

00:09:56,520 --> 00:09:59,900

And I recall it, he

used to sometimes--

194

00:09:59,900 --> 00:10:04,120

we were, I think my father

was a fine man, too.

195

00:10:04,120 --> 00:10:08,050

But I can't recall an episode,

he used to go to a tree

196

00:10:08,050 --> 00:10:12,210

where there used to be apples

or some pears or some cherries.

197

00:10:12,210 --> 00:10:16,540

He used to stop with the wagon

especially for me to get myself

198

00:10:16,540 --> 00:10:19,180

off some fruit, you know?

199

00:10:19,180 --> 00:10:20,530

That takes a lot of--

200

00:10:20,530 --> 00:10:23,450

some people, they

don't think about it.

201

00:10:23,450 --> 00:10:25,320

They just kept going, you know?

202

00:10:25,320 --> 00:10:29,050

But I appreciate that even

today I know he stopped,

203

00:10:29,050 --> 00:10:30,210

I should get myself some.

204  
00:10:30,210 --> 00:10:34,600  
Not that I was missing  
it at home, you know?

205  
00:10:34,600 --> 00:10:36,610  
And things like this.

206  
00:10:36,610 --> 00:10:40,760  
And I was residing in  
this area with my father.

207  
00:10:40,760 --> 00:10:43,990  
But I knew them farms.

208  
00:10:43,990 --> 00:10:45,520  
And I used to bring  
him some bread

209  
00:10:45,520 --> 00:10:47,320  
from the farmers, some milk.

210  
00:10:47,320 --> 00:10:49,630  
Or sometimes potatoes,  
a few potatoes.

211  
00:10:49,630 --> 00:10:51,130  
I used to go out in the fields.

212  
00:10:51,130 --> 00:10:54,580  
Oh, I used to bring him some--

213  
00:10:54,580 --> 00:10:58,457  
like I used to bring  
him like sugar beets.

214  
00:10:58,457 --> 00:11:00,040  
There used to be a  
lot of sugar beets.

215  
00:11:00,040 --> 00:11:01,840  
I used to make sugar beets.

216  
00:11:01,840 --> 00:11:03,035  
I used to live on it.

217  
00:11:03,035 --> 00:11:04,410  
I remember, I used  
to chew on it.

218  
00:11:04,410 --> 00:11:07,207  
It used to be stringy,  
them sugar beets.

219  
00:11:07,207 --> 00:11:08,290  
So I used to chew on them.

220  
00:11:08,290 --> 00:11:11,302  
It was to get out this  
sweetness from them.

221  
00:11:11,302 --> 00:11:12,760  
And the rest, I  
had to it spit out.

222  
00:11:12,760 --> 00:11:13,580  
I couldn't swallow it.

223  
00:11:13,580 --> 00:11:14,290  
It's like straw.

224  
00:11:14,290 --> 00:11:17,170  
It becomes like  
straw after a while.

225  
00:11:17,170 --> 00:11:19,170  
You know, and I used  
to eat them beets.

226  
00:11:19,170 --> 00:11:21,610  
I used to bring them down  
this, whatever I could

227  
00:11:21,610 --> 00:11:23,000

muster to get them together.

228

00:11:23,000 --> 00:11:26,060

229

00:11:26,060 --> 00:11:31,540

And I brought him down,  
and they were thankful.

230

00:11:31,540 --> 00:11:32,920

That's all.

231

00:11:32,920 --> 00:11:35,770

I remember one night,  
it was the summertime,

232

00:11:35,770 --> 00:11:38,590

and I was lying down there.

233

00:11:38,590 --> 00:11:40,760

It must have been '43.

234

00:11:40,760 --> 00:11:45,920

235

00:11:45,920 --> 00:11:50,020

I decided I was staying  
with him for the night.

236

00:11:50,020 --> 00:11:54,090

And all of a sudden,  
me as a person,

237

00:11:54,090 --> 00:11:56,900

not that I'm trying  
to project myself

238

00:11:56,900 --> 00:12:01,200

that I'm such a good man.

239

00:12:01,200 --> 00:12:02,370

That's my nature.

240  
00:12:02,370 --> 00:12:07,800  
Even today, I practice that  
with all my ways of doing it,

241  
00:12:07,800 --> 00:12:10,140  
if I can help  
somebody, I'll help.

242  
00:12:10,140 --> 00:12:15,310  
If I can't, I'll say I'm sorry  
but I will try it or something.

243  
00:12:15,310 --> 00:12:19,782  
I will not go away, say hey  
or something, "who are you?"

244  
00:12:19,782 --> 00:12:20,490  
I gotta help you?

245  
00:12:20,490 --> 00:12:22,032  
Why don't you go to  
work?" and things

246  
00:12:22,032 --> 00:12:26,785  
like this, that's not mine,  
my way of doing things.

247  
00:12:26,785 --> 00:12:27,660  
So I helped them out.

248  
00:12:27,660 --> 00:12:31,980  
So one night I was lying with  
them in the bushes down there.

249  
00:12:31,980 --> 00:12:33,690  
My aunt was there, too.

250  
00:12:33,690 --> 00:12:36,660  
She is now passed away.

251  
00:12:36,660 --> 00:12:42,810

She and her husband, only  
two survived, and me.

252  
00:12:42,810 --> 00:12:44,700  
I survived that night.

253  
00:12:44,700 --> 00:12:47,970  
It must have been around  
12 o'clock at night.

254  
00:12:47,970 --> 00:12:50,500  
As a young man,  
I was lying down.

255  
00:12:50,500 --> 00:12:54,270  
I tossed around for everybody  
the food, but I was hungry.

256  
00:12:54,270 --> 00:12:57,200  
Very hungry.

257  
00:12:57,200 --> 00:13:01,000  
And I was lying  
down and looking up.

258  
00:13:01,000 --> 00:13:04,343  
I couldn't fall asleep  
all from being hungry.

259  
00:13:04,343 --> 00:13:05,760  
There wasn't enough  
for everybody.

260  
00:13:05,760 --> 00:13:07,280  
No, it wasn't enough, you know?

261  
00:13:07,280 --> 00:13:08,540  
How many were you?

262  
00:13:08,540 --> 00:13:11,900  
Must have been around--  
between 10 and 20.

263

00:13:11,900 --> 00:13:14,150

I don't know exact.

264

00:13:14,150 --> 00:13:18,200

There was young girls, not from  
out town, different styles.

265

00:13:18,200 --> 00:13:23,780

It was my cousin, my mother's  
sister from Konskowola.

266

00:13:23,780 --> 00:13:27,250

267

00:13:27,250 --> 00:13:30,450

Her son hid her at a  
farmer, where he know about.

268

00:13:30,450 --> 00:13:33,820

He gave away some money and all  
the wealth, whatever he had.

269

00:13:33,820 --> 00:13:35,730

They were well off people, too.

270

00:13:35,730 --> 00:13:38,620

My mother's sister.

271

00:13:38,620 --> 00:13:39,670

He came to the woods.

272

00:13:39,670 --> 00:13:41,050

He couldn't stay by that farmer.

273

00:13:41,050 --> 00:13:42,837

One thing, he didn't  
want to stay another.

274

00:13:42,837 --> 00:13:44,170

Another thing, he couldn't stay.

275

00:13:44,170 --> 00:13:46,310  
You couldn't stay one  
family in one place.

276  
00:13:46,310 --> 00:13:49,380  
Otherwise, you were gone.

277  
00:13:49,380 --> 00:13:53,520  
You must have-- make  
them people think

278  
00:13:53,520 --> 00:13:59,100  
that somebody will come and  
harm them if they do something.

279  
00:13:59,100 --> 00:14:03,410  
If you could mess with  
that, that was fine.

280  
00:14:03,410 --> 00:14:07,050  
And that night, I  
picked myself up.

281  
00:14:07,050 --> 00:14:10,860  
And the sun-- the moon was  
coming down straight at me

282  
00:14:10,860 --> 00:14:14,372  
like, and I would go kind  
of like carried away.

283  
00:14:14,372 --> 00:14:16,830  
And I picked myself up, and I  
said to the people, you know,

284  
00:14:16,830 --> 00:14:18,600  
I'm going into town.

285  
00:14:18,600 --> 00:14:20,250  
I didn't know where I was going.

286  
00:14:20,250 --> 00:14:21,750  
I'm going into town.



287  
00:14:21,750 --> 00:14:27,010  
Must have been maybe about  
five kilometers away.

288  
00:14:27,010 --> 00:14:28,690  
So I was going away.

289  
00:14:28,690 --> 00:14:31,538  
And they were kind of  
joking at me, laughing.

290  
00:14:31,538 --> 00:14:32,580  
Where you going at night?

291  
00:14:32,580 --> 00:14:33,600  
What, are you chicken?

292  
00:14:33,600 --> 00:14:34,480  
What, are you afraid?

293  
00:14:34,480 --> 00:14:38,850  
Or what, are you going to  
find something down there?

294  
00:14:38,850 --> 00:14:40,330  
I says, no, I'm hungry.

295  
00:14:40,330 --> 00:14:44,220  
Maybe I'll bring home some--  
bring back some food with me.

296  
00:14:44,220 --> 00:14:47,040  
That was my excuse,  
but I was hungry,

297  
00:14:47,040 --> 00:14:51,960  
and I looked up to that when I  
got scared somehow or something

298  
00:14:51,960 --> 00:14:52,570  
down.

299

00:14:52,570 --> 00:14:54,990

It has done something to me.

300

00:14:54,990 --> 00:14:56,730

I can't recall it.

301

00:14:56,730 --> 00:14:58,770

I went away from the woods out.

302

00:14:58,770 --> 00:15:02,070

I was traveling maybe for three miles, walking near a creek.

303

00:15:02,070 --> 00:15:05,880

And I see something moving forward and back,

304

00:15:05,880 --> 00:15:07,440

moving down there.

305

00:15:07,440 --> 00:15:12,880

But I thought myself, what's down there moving?

306

00:15:12,880 --> 00:15:14,800

And then I thought myself, I went away

307

00:15:14,800 --> 00:15:19,140

towards the other end, to the right-- to the left.

308

00:15:19,140 --> 00:15:21,930

That was the road going in towards Pulawy.

309

00:15:21,930 --> 00:15:24,780

310

00:15:24,780 --> 00:15:28,690

And the other way into the

right was towards the field.

311  
00:15:28,690 --> 00:15:32,190  
So I moved away towards the  
road to avoid that creek.

312  
00:15:32,190 --> 00:15:33,660  
Maybe somebody is there.

313  
00:15:33,660 --> 00:15:39,180  
But then I didn't come across  
a certain part of the field.

314  
00:15:39,180 --> 00:15:43,010  
And I saw it was a bush.

315  
00:15:43,010 --> 00:15:45,740  
A bush swaying.

316  
00:15:45,740 --> 00:15:48,630  
It was swaying.

317  
00:15:48,630 --> 00:15:50,370  
And I came into town.

318  
00:15:50,370 --> 00:15:54,260  
It was like outskirts  
of the town, where

319  
00:15:54,260 --> 00:15:58,490  
the barns face the fields.

320  
00:15:58,490 --> 00:16:03,150  
And I selected that  
farmer to stay over there.

321  
00:16:03,150 --> 00:16:07,620  
From walking then five miles--

322  
00:16:07,620 --> 00:16:09,990  
I don't know exact--

323

00:16:09,990 --> 00:16:13,665

I went up on the barn  
and I fell asleep.

324

00:16:13,665 --> 00:16:16,566

325

00:16:16,566 --> 00:16:18,060

From being tired.

326

00:16:18,060 --> 00:16:18,950

I was hungry.

327

00:16:18,950 --> 00:16:20,730

It kind of like knocked me out.

328

00:16:20,730 --> 00:16:22,830

And I thought myself  
in the morning,

329

00:16:22,830 --> 00:16:24,800

I'll get up early  
in the morning.

330

00:16:24,800 --> 00:16:27,030

And I'll get in  
around somewhere,

331

00:16:27,030 --> 00:16:29,850

where the farmers used to get  
up 4:00 o'clock in the morning.

332

00:16:29,850 --> 00:16:30,872

I'll get into one.

333

00:16:30,872 --> 00:16:31,830

I'll get a little milk.

334

00:16:31,830 --> 00:16:34,850

I selected that guy, and  
telling him I just come.

335

00:16:34,850 --> 00:16:37,680

He doesn't supposed to  
know that I was sleeping

336

00:16:37,680 --> 00:16:39,300

on that-- in that barn.

337

00:16:39,300 --> 00:16:43,260

Otherwise, it'll be bad.

338

00:16:43,260 --> 00:16:48,630

He would probably curse me  
out, or warn me, or something.

339

00:16:48,630 --> 00:16:56,490

So I didn't let him know that  
I was sleeping down there.

340

00:16:56,490 --> 00:17:00,490

Finally, I overslept.

341

00:17:00,490 --> 00:17:03,643

As I overslept, I  
look outside, the kids

342

00:17:03,643 --> 00:17:04,810

are going to school already.

343

00:17:04,810 --> 00:17:07,442

344

00:17:07,442 --> 00:17:08,650

The kids are going to school.

345

00:17:08,650 --> 00:17:11,920

And it was like a side road,  
where they're going to school.

346

00:17:11,920 --> 00:17:15,400

And the Polish kids  
speaking in Polish I

347

00:17:15,400 --> 00:17:20,650

overhear towards the barn, a  
little down towards the wall.

348

00:17:20,650 --> 00:17:24,609

And one of the kids  
is saying, oh--

349

00:17:24,609 --> 00:17:27,240

you want me to say in  
Polish or in English?

350

00:17:27,240 --> 00:17:28,160

However.

351

00:17:28,160 --> 00:17:29,980

They say [SPEAKING POLISH].

352

00:17:29,980 --> 00:17:36,070

353

00:17:36,070 --> 00:17:41,490

That means, they killed  
the Jews in the woods,

354

00:17:41,490 --> 00:17:44,570

in Klementowice woods.

355

00:17:44,570 --> 00:17:49,450

Must've been around 10:30 in the  
morning, or maybe 11 o'clock.

356

00:17:49,450 --> 00:17:50,440

I overslept.

357

00:17:50,440 --> 00:17:53,930

I was very knocked out.

358

00:17:53,930 --> 00:17:57,450

Then I thought myself,  
it's good I wasn't there.

359

00:17:57,450 --> 00:18:00,220

360

00:18:00,220 --> 00:18:03,440

Something, mental telepathy.

361

00:18:03,440 --> 00:18:06,850

And I over-- I went over this.

362

00:18:06,850 --> 00:18:09,340

And they didn't-- they  
killed all of them.

363

00:18:09,340 --> 00:18:12,520

The only thing is, I didn't  
know if my aunt was alive.

364

00:18:12,520 --> 00:18:16,990

He wore-- she had an army--

365

00:18:16,990 --> 00:18:20,600

like an army cover, you know?

366

00:18:20,600 --> 00:18:22,600

The green ones.

367

00:18:22,600 --> 00:18:25,980

And he was a very clever--  
she was clever, too,

368

00:18:25,980 --> 00:18:29,980

during the woods, going  
around on the fields.

369

00:18:29,980 --> 00:18:32,710

The other people, what they  
did, why they killed them,

370

00:18:32,710 --> 00:18:34,366

they were running.

371

00:18:34,366 --> 00:18:35,280  
You couldn't run out.

372  
00:18:35,280 --> 00:18:37,180  
They were surrounded.

373  
00:18:37,180 --> 00:18:40,077  
And they were shooting  
them down like rabbits.

374  
00:18:40,077 --> 00:18:40,660  
Who shot them?

375  
00:18:40,660 --> 00:18:41,410  
Germans, Lithuanians?

376  
00:18:41,410 --> 00:18:43,070  
The Germans. the  
Germans, Ukrainians.

377  
00:18:43,070 --> 00:18:43,945  
I haven't been there.

378  
00:18:43,945 --> 00:18:45,310  
I don't know who shot them.

379  
00:18:45,310 --> 00:18:49,660  
But I know it  
couldn't be otherwise.

380  
00:18:49,660 --> 00:18:53,170  
They couldn't have only Germans.

381  
00:18:53,170 --> 00:18:55,510  
They had police, Polish police.

382  
00:18:55,510 --> 00:18:58,450  
They had Ukrainians  
and part Germans.

383  
00:18:58,450 --> 00:19:02,500  
Well, all the Germans, all the



Germans, the able-bodied men,

384

00:19:02,500 --> 00:19:09,010  
the proper people went on the  
Russian front, towards Russia.

385

00:19:09,010 --> 00:19:11,610  
They were fighting at  
that time already Russia.

386

00:19:11,610 --> 00:19:14,890  
And the strong people  
went towards Russia.

387

00:19:14,890 --> 00:19:17,350  
And what was here was  
only the security,

388

00:19:17,350 --> 00:19:22,690  
like SS, people who they  
couldn't send to the front

389

00:19:22,690 --> 00:19:26,440  
down there, German police.

390

00:19:26,440 --> 00:19:31,630  
I mean, the SS, [? SNAD ?]  
with black uniforms.

391

00:19:31,630 --> 00:19:35,710  
They used to have the  
Ukrainians were wearing

392

00:19:35,710 --> 00:19:39,810  
German black uniforms,  
like dark like this,

393

00:19:39,810 --> 00:19:43,120  
like this cover  
in the back of us.

394

00:19:43,120 --> 00:19:46,900  
And they surrounded the woods

and they killed them all.

395

00:19:46,900 --> 00:19:48,880

The only thing, my  
aunt didn't run.

396

00:19:48,880 --> 00:19:50,080

They ran into a bush.

397

00:19:50,080 --> 00:19:53,360

And they took somehow-- the  
way she explained me later on,

398

00:19:53,360 --> 00:19:56,550

well, I would have  
been killed, too.

399

00:19:56,550 --> 00:19:59,200

They covered  
themselves the front

400

00:19:59,200 --> 00:20:01,420

with that green stuff  
that become a part

401

00:20:01,420 --> 00:20:02,680

of the bushes, a part of the--

402

00:20:02,680 --> 00:20:03,638

Camouflaged themselves.

403

00:20:03,638 --> 00:20:05,650

Camouflaged themselves.

404

00:20:05,650 --> 00:20:06,615

So they survived.

405

00:20:06,615 --> 00:20:09,275

406

00:20:09,275 --> 00:20:09,900

And that's all.

407

00:20:09,900 --> 00:20:14,840

From there on I never wanted  
to be of a group of anything.

408

00:20:14,840 --> 00:20:18,980

409

00:20:18,980 --> 00:20:25,800

There was one working camp  
in our town, in Kurow.

410

00:20:25,800 --> 00:20:28,000

That was during that time.

411

00:20:28,000 --> 00:20:33,050

They had maybe about 25  
people, healthy people.

412

00:20:33,050 --> 00:20:36,677

And they said the  
Germans need them,

413

00:20:36,677 --> 00:20:37,885

and they're going to survive.

414

00:20:37,885 --> 00:20:40,770

415

00:20:40,770 --> 00:20:44,760

Well, the guy who headed  
that camp was a Jewish guy.

416

00:20:44,760 --> 00:20:52,320

He said to my father,  
you have three of you.

417

00:20:52,320 --> 00:20:56,420

Each one has to give 500 zlotys.

418

00:20:56,420 --> 00:20:58,820

This is \$500.

419

00:20:58,820 --> 00:21:04,370

we were \$1,500 to  
get into that camp.

420

00:21:04,370 --> 00:21:07,910

That guy was like  
between the Germans,

421

00:21:07,910 --> 00:21:11,300

with the Germans kind of  
coordinating with them.

422

00:21:11,300 --> 00:21:14,570

And my father said  
to me, you know,

423

00:21:14,570 --> 00:21:17,870

Joseph, how about we get  
in, getting into wintertime,

424

00:21:17,870 --> 00:21:20,720

we get into that camp?

425

00:21:20,720 --> 00:21:24,250

And we're going  
to survive there.

426

00:21:24,250 --> 00:21:26,283

They're going to need us  
for work on the roads.

427

00:21:26,283 --> 00:21:27,950

They took them out  
on the roads to work.

428

00:21:27,950 --> 00:21:31,240

Sometimes it used to be damaged,  
the road from the tanks,

429

00:21:31,240 --> 00:21:32,820

from the motor vehicles.

430

00:21:32,820 --> 00:21:34,910

We used to fill them  
and do things like this.

431

00:21:34,910 --> 00:21:37,480

432

00:21:37,480 --> 00:21:40,540

I said to my father,  
you know, Dad, you

433

00:21:40,540 --> 00:21:44,560

want to go in with Dave,  
my brother David, OK.

434

00:21:44,560 --> 00:21:46,810

This was before you  
separated from them,

435

00:21:46,810 --> 00:21:50,050

before you were  
completely on your own.

436

00:21:50,050 --> 00:21:51,310

Is it?

437

00:21:51,310 --> 00:21:54,347

Yes, that was during that time  
as I we were separated, yes.

438

00:21:54,347 --> 00:21:54,930

Oh, all right.

439

00:21:54,930 --> 00:21:55,780

But we met each other.

440

00:21:55,780 --> 00:21:57,350

Oh, but you met each  
other periodically.

441

00:21:57,350 --> 00:21:58,170

Periodically, right.

442  
00:21:58,170 --> 00:21:59,030  
Right, I wanted  
to clear that up.

443  
00:21:59,030 --> 00:22:01,090  
So he said to me,  
would you like to join?

444  
00:22:01,090 --> 00:22:02,320  
I said, no.

445  
00:22:02,320 --> 00:22:05,290  
No one will get me  
in behind the wires.

446  
00:22:05,290 --> 00:22:11,155  
Well, I had to smell the idea  
of wires when I was a [YIDDISH]..

447  
00:22:11,155 --> 00:22:12,280  
You understand what I mean?

448  
00:22:12,280 --> 00:22:12,850  
Yes.

449  
00:22:12,850 --> 00:22:18,070  
That lay with me inside,  
that to get in between wires,

450  
00:22:18,070 --> 00:22:19,990  
I know what it means.

451  
00:22:19,990 --> 00:22:21,620  
You have only so much--

452  
00:22:21,620 --> 00:22:22,120  
Space.

453  
00:22:22,120 --> 00:22:26,890  
--space to get go  
out or being killed.

454

00:22:26,890 --> 00:22:30,640

So I said to my father, if you  
want to get in, fine with me.

455

00:22:30,640 --> 00:22:35,860

But me, I want to sleep in  
the wintertime in a haystack

456

00:22:35,860 --> 00:22:38,957

in a barn, any place.

457

00:22:38,957 --> 00:22:41,280

In a hole.

458

00:22:41,280 --> 00:22:43,750

And I'm not getting in there.

459

00:22:43,750 --> 00:22:46,420

Finally, my father said, if  
you're not getting in there,

460

00:22:46,420 --> 00:22:47,780

maybe you are right.

461

00:22:47,780 --> 00:22:50,140

This somehow didn't  
give me my rights,

462

00:22:50,140 --> 00:22:53,740

but maybe he didn't  
mind being frank.

463

00:22:53,740 --> 00:22:56,890

Maybe he wanted to  
part from his money.

464

00:22:56,890 --> 00:23:00,030

465

00:23:00,030 --> 00:23:03,110

You know, it's only

human, you know?

466  
00:23:03,110 --> 00:23:04,360  
Why?

467  
00:23:04,360 --> 00:23:09,010  
If you get into a  
camp, you're up to them

468  
00:23:09,010 --> 00:23:10,190  
with your livelihood.

469  
00:23:10,190 --> 00:23:13,180  
This way, he had a few dollars.

470  
00:23:13,180 --> 00:23:15,340  
A few dollars, you can  
always buy a little food.

471  
00:23:15,340 --> 00:23:16,120  
He used to smoke.

472  
00:23:16,120 --> 00:23:19,180  
He used to like to have  
a little like leaves.

473  
00:23:19,180 --> 00:23:22,337  
I used to bring him some  
leaves, some tobacco leaves.

474  
00:23:22,337 --> 00:23:23,170  
I used to bring him.

475  
00:23:23,170 --> 00:23:28,340

476  
00:23:28,340 --> 00:23:32,770  
And my father didn't join it,  
and I didn't join it either.

477  
00:23:32,770 --> 00:23:34,790  
And he went back to that farm.



478  
00:23:34,790 --> 00:23:46,125  
After-- must have been two weeks  
later, or maybe a month later,

479  
00:23:46,125 --> 00:23:47,000  
they killed them all.

480  
00:23:47,000 --> 00:23:49,628

481  
00:23:49,628 --> 00:23:52,550  
During that time, I didn't  
know they killed them.

482  
00:23:52,550 --> 00:23:55,740  
But you see, I was hungry.

483  
00:23:55,740 --> 00:23:59,190  
A young man, you know,  
when you're young,

484  
00:23:59,190 --> 00:24:00,590  
you're always hungry.

485  
00:24:00,590 --> 00:24:01,090  
You know?

486  
00:24:01,090 --> 00:24:03,310  
Especially in Europe,  
you're always hungry.

487  
00:24:03,310 --> 00:24:04,650  
You know?

488  
00:24:04,650 --> 00:24:07,530  
And I didn't have  
my mother's meals.

489  
00:24:07,530 --> 00:24:12,930  
Whatever I ate, it  
was just minor things.

490  
00:24:12,930 --> 00:24:19,360  
So I had a guy, he had a smith.

491  
00:24:19,360 --> 00:24:20,318  
He was a smith.

492  
00:24:20,318 --> 00:24:21,360  
You know what a smith is?

493  
00:24:21,360 --> 00:24:22,410  
Yes.

494  
00:24:22,410 --> 00:24:23,190  
Blacksmith?

495  
00:24:23,190 --> 00:24:24,930  
Blacksmith, yes.

496  
00:24:24,930 --> 00:24:27,150  
And he had kids my age.

497  
00:24:27,150 --> 00:24:32,700  
And he was always coming into  
my house and into our business.

498  
00:24:32,700 --> 00:24:34,110  
His name was Witkowski.

499  
00:24:34,110 --> 00:24:37,570

500  
00:24:37,570 --> 00:24:40,610  
That Witkowski didn't--

501  
00:24:40,610 --> 00:24:41,360  
I used to go.

502  
00:24:41,360 --> 00:24:44,950  
He was a little bit  
out of the outskirts,

503  
00:24:44,950 --> 00:24:52,410  
in a road of the city.

504  
00:24:52,410 --> 00:24:55,170  
It's almost in the city,  
but a little bit away.

505  
00:24:55,170 --> 00:24:59,250  
And I was a very strong  
young man, very young guy.

506  
00:24:59,250 --> 00:25:00,650  
He used to say,  
you know, Joseph,

507  
00:25:00,650 --> 00:25:02,720  
you want to help me  
out, you come me here.

508  
00:25:02,720 --> 00:25:04,730  
I used to stop in sometimes  
to him for a bottle

509  
00:25:04,730 --> 00:25:07,520  
milk or a piece of bread.

510  
00:25:07,520 --> 00:25:16,460  
Not he as much but she was  
a very good woman, his wife.

511  
00:25:16,460 --> 00:25:18,560  
He was all right, too.

512  
00:25:18,560 --> 00:25:21,500  
She was compassionate,  
that woman.

513  
00:25:21,500 --> 00:25:23,300  
But he was business.

514  
00:25:23,300 --> 00:25:25,850

He needed me for I should--

515

00:25:25,850 --> 00:25:29,990

we used to make horse  
shoes for horses.

516

00:25:29,990 --> 00:25:31,760

And he used to--

517

00:25:31,760 --> 00:25:34,830

he used to give a  
knock on this place.

518

00:25:34,830 --> 00:25:37,490

And I had to go with a big  
hammer into that place.

519

00:25:37,490 --> 00:25:39,670

He used to teach  
me how to do it.

520

00:25:39,670 --> 00:25:45,470

I never did it, but somehow  
I was inclined a little bit

521

00:25:45,470 --> 00:25:47,367

from all that running around.

522

00:25:47,367 --> 00:25:49,200

He used to give a knock  
with a small hammer,

523

00:25:49,200 --> 00:25:52,220

and I used to have to give  
a bigger bang in that spot.

524

00:25:52,220 --> 00:25:54,260

But not to cut it.

525

00:25:54,260 --> 00:25:57,554

It was like on fire.

526

00:25:57,554 --> 00:26:00,470  
He used to always have the coal.

527  
00:26:00,470 --> 00:26:04,740  
He used to call it in  
Polish [NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..

528  
00:26:04,740 --> 00:26:08,210  
And once in a while I used  
to have to move this up

529  
00:26:08,210 --> 00:26:10,460  
and down to get a fire going.

530  
00:26:10,460 --> 00:26:11,930  
And I used to do little things.

531  
00:26:11,930 --> 00:26:16,130  
And then he used to  
have a field outside.

532  
00:26:16,130 --> 00:26:20,000  
Five miles away, he used to have  
like two, three acres of land

533  
00:26:20,000 --> 00:26:21,340  
through this forest back.

534  
00:26:21,340 --> 00:26:24,500  
And he used to take me out  
to do some work, potatoes

535  
00:26:24,500 --> 00:26:26,570  
work and things like this.

536  
00:26:26,570 --> 00:26:29,480  
And I didn't trust him.

537  
00:26:29,480 --> 00:26:33,860  
I trusted his wife more.

538  
00:26:33,860 --> 00:26:38,000

But I know she was a  
compassionate person.

539  
00:26:38,000 --> 00:26:40,282  
She was not ordinary.

540  
00:26:40,282 --> 00:26:41,990  
And there were a lot  
of women down there,

541  
00:26:41,990 --> 00:26:43,520  
very ordinary people.

542  
00:26:43,520 --> 00:26:45,100  
Very.

543  
00:26:45,100 --> 00:26:47,420  
They used to shout at you.

544  
00:26:47,420 --> 00:26:49,350  
Maybe they were afraid  
for their own families.

545  
00:26:49,350 --> 00:26:50,730  
I don't-- I don't know.

546  
00:26:50,730 --> 00:26:55,790  
But see, you could  
do things with saying

547  
00:26:55,790 --> 00:26:59,910  
or with a brushing  
you off not to come,

548  
00:26:59,910 --> 00:27:03,420  
different language, with  
different approaches.

549  
00:27:03,420 --> 00:27:04,380  
But she kind of--

550  
00:27:04,380 --> 00:27:06,140

I took a liking to her.

551

00:27:06,140 --> 00:27:08,680

552

00:27:08,680 --> 00:27:13,690

When she used to feed  
the kids, her kids,

553

00:27:13,690 --> 00:27:16,870

I used to get sometimes-- we  
used to come in, some, farmers.

554

00:27:16,870 --> 00:27:19,760

I used to work sometimes  
in certain places, where

555

00:27:19,760 --> 00:27:22,570

I used to be on the fields.

556

00:27:22,570 --> 00:27:27,160

I wasn't in their house, but I  
used to work on their fields.

557

00:27:27,160 --> 00:27:30,777

And I used to watch  
him from a distance,

558

00:27:30,777 --> 00:27:32,860

distance away, with who  
he's coming to that field.

559

00:27:32,860 --> 00:27:35,052

So he kind of asked  
me to come out.

560

00:27:35,052 --> 00:27:36,010

But I didn't trust him.

561

00:27:36,010 --> 00:27:37,880

I thought maybe it's  
going to give me away.

562

00:27:37,880 --> 00:27:40,210

I didn't trust anybody.

563

00:27:40,210 --> 00:27:43,930

I don't care if you

would be my best friend.

564

00:27:43,930 --> 00:27:46,940

That was my survival.

565

00:27:46,940 --> 00:27:48,205

So they used to give me.

566

00:27:48,205 --> 00:27:49,330

They thought I didn't know.

567

00:27:49,330 --> 00:27:51,320

They used to give me

some leftover food,

568

00:27:51,320 --> 00:27:53,320

or they used to eat and

they didn't have enough.

569

00:27:53,320 --> 00:27:54,220

But I was hungry.

570

00:27:54,220 --> 00:27:55,090

I was like a--

571

00:27:55,090 --> 00:27:57,400

I could eat anything.

572

00:27:57,400 --> 00:28:02,560

If I ate anything, I

went in like a machine.

573

00:28:02,560 --> 00:28:04,150

And I ran around the fields.

574

00:28:04,150 --> 00:28:06,820



You lie on the fields,  
your appetite increases.

575  
00:28:06,820 --> 00:28:10,870

576  
00:28:10,870 --> 00:28:23,480  
So I-- and one day, I  
was standing down there.

577  
00:28:23,480 --> 00:28:29,240  
I came into this place of work.

578  
00:28:29,240 --> 00:28:31,940  
I didn't tell them  
when I'm coming.

579  
00:28:31,940 --> 00:28:32,960  
That was another thing.

580  
00:28:32,960 --> 00:28:36,830  
I couldn't make a  
date with anybody.

581  
00:28:36,830 --> 00:28:39,080  
If you make a date,  
you don't know

582  
00:28:39,080 --> 00:28:42,650  
who's going to wait for you.

583  
00:28:42,650 --> 00:28:48,890  
But I somehow showed up down  
there in that smith place.

584  
00:28:48,890 --> 00:28:52,860  
He says to me, "you know,  
Joe, you better run away.

585  
00:28:52,860 --> 00:29:00,620  
They just killed yesterday  
the Jews in that place."

586

00:29:00,620 --> 00:29:04,700

That was the month before I  
supposed to go into this place.

587

00:29:04,700 --> 00:29:08,420

588

00:29:08,420 --> 00:29:09,550

"You better run away.

589

00:29:09,550 --> 00:29:12,380

They killed all the Jews."

590

00:29:12,380 --> 00:29:15,460

And from his place, there was  
like a house on a little hill.

591

00:29:15,460 --> 00:29:17,962

592

00:29:17,962 --> 00:29:19,670

And they were all  
slaughtered down there.

593

00:29:19,670 --> 00:29:24,420

He was telling me the blood  
is even going down that hill.

594

00:29:24,420 --> 00:29:28,590

The guy, Witkowski, told me.

595

00:29:28,590 --> 00:29:30,780

So I picked myself  
up and ran away.

596

00:29:30,780 --> 00:29:33,060

But I was very determined.

597

00:29:33,060 --> 00:29:35,330

When you're hungry,  
you're determined.

598

00:29:35,330 --> 00:29:38,550

But I trusted that woman.

599

00:29:38,550 --> 00:29:40,320

And I came back.

600

00:29:40,320 --> 00:29:42,780

And he needed me, too,  
for that few five miles

601

00:29:42,780 --> 00:29:43,810

on the outskirts.

602

00:29:43,810 --> 00:29:45,950

He had five acres.

603

00:29:45,950 --> 00:29:47,563

And I used to pick his potatoes.

604

00:29:47,563 --> 00:29:49,230

Whatever he told me  
to do, I used to do.

605

00:29:49,230 --> 00:29:52,980

And he used to bring me out  
some food there with him.

606

00:29:52,980 --> 00:29:55,420

One day, somehow  
he took me home.

607

00:29:55,420 --> 00:30:00,720

He had some work for me,  
from the fields in home.

608

00:30:00,720 --> 00:30:07,356

And I was working with him  
in that [NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]

609

00:30:07,356 --> 00:30:13,350

in this smith place, making  
some nails, making some--

610  
00:30:13,350 --> 00:30:17,388  
fixing them hooves  
for the horses.

611  
00:30:17,388 --> 00:30:18,930  
And all of a sudden,  
he looks around.

612  
00:30:18,930 --> 00:30:21,600  
Oh, he says, "there's  
a gathering of Germans

613  
00:30:21,600 --> 00:30:23,170  
on the bridges all over.

614  
00:30:23,170 --> 00:30:26,040  
You better go away."

615  
00:30:26,040 --> 00:30:27,060  
But I didn't go away.

616  
00:30:27,060 --> 00:30:31,380  
I went upstairs,  
upstairs to his attic,

617  
00:30:31,380 --> 00:30:32,610  
where the straw was there.

618  
00:30:32,610 --> 00:30:35,880  
He says, I could see that  
I couldn't trust him.

619  
00:30:35,880 --> 00:30:36,960  
I trusted her.

620  
00:30:36,960 --> 00:30:39,560  
She didn't come  
up, but he came up.

621  
00:30:39,560 --> 00:30:42,030  
And he said, you

better get out of here.

622

00:30:42,030 --> 00:30:43,170

What was down there?

623

00:30:43,170 --> 00:30:44,970

They didn't look for me.

624

00:30:44,970 --> 00:30:49,260

There was a-- they were taking  
the Poles to Germany to work

625

00:30:49,260 --> 00:30:51,270

in the factories and things.

626

00:30:51,270 --> 00:30:54,330

Not to a camp to kill  
them, in the factories

627

00:30:54,330 --> 00:30:56,260

and the ammunition places.

628

00:30:56,260 --> 00:31:01,060

And they used to take away  
the young, able-bodied men.

629

00:31:01,060 --> 00:31:03,720

So and I was there,  
too, in the midst of it.

630

00:31:03,720 --> 00:31:08,010

If I would be seen  
between the Polish boys,

631

00:31:08,010 --> 00:31:09,222

I would be right away killed.

632

00:31:09,222 --> 00:31:10,680

Well, they're going  
to give me out.

633

00:31:10,680 --> 00:31:11,930

I know they would give me out.

634

00:31:11,930 --> 00:31:17,190

They would say right away,  
oh, there's Leo's son here.

635

00:31:17,190 --> 00:31:19,260

What are you doing here?

636

00:31:19,260 --> 00:31:24,210

So the thing is, I went down.

637

00:31:24,210 --> 00:31:28,650

As he had his horse  
standing there by the wagon,

638

00:31:28,650 --> 00:31:33,328

I had a little sense  
how will I get out?

639

00:31:33,328 --> 00:31:35,880

And they surrounded  
all the bridges.

640

00:31:35,880 --> 00:31:37,980

Well, I thought myself,  
I'll take a chance.

641

00:31:37,980 --> 00:31:45,730

I got on the horse,  
riding with the things,

642

00:31:45,730 --> 00:31:49,740

all the utensils a horse  
is supposed to have on him.

643

00:31:49,740 --> 00:31:53,380

And I got on the horse  
with all of the ropes.

644

00:31:53,380 --> 00:31:56,730

And I drove through that bridge  
where the Germans were there.

645  
00:31:56,730 --> 00:32:03,090  
And somehow all they  
thought I looked like--

646  
00:32:03,090 --> 00:32:06,910  
now maybe I look more older.

647  
00:32:06,910 --> 00:32:11,410  
I didn't look like a  
real Jew, you know.

648  
00:32:11,410 --> 00:32:13,760  
I had clothes on.

649  
00:32:13,760 --> 00:32:19,038  
Maybe today that's  
fashionable Barlow bags.

650  
00:32:19,038 --> 00:32:20,840  
Today they have jeans.

651  
00:32:20,840 --> 00:32:22,330  
It was a big thing.

652  
00:32:22,330 --> 00:32:25,650  
Now I wore the  
jeans 50 years ago.

653  
00:32:25,650 --> 00:32:27,030  
You were ahead of time, yeah.

654  
00:32:27,030 --> 00:32:27,750  
But they weren't colored.

655  
00:32:27,750 --> 00:32:28,570  
They weren't blue.

656  
00:32:28,570 --> 00:32:30,820  
They were white, you know?

657

00:32:30,820 --> 00:32:32,830  
And I had the shirt,  
too, like that.

658  
00:32:32,830 --> 00:32:36,190  
So I used to--

659  
00:32:36,190 --> 00:32:37,380  
I wasn't noticeable.

660  
00:32:37,380 --> 00:32:41,140  
And I kind of passed  
by that bridge.

661  
00:32:41,140 --> 00:32:42,245  
I went through.

662  
00:32:42,245 --> 00:32:44,230  
And I came down to an area.

663  
00:32:44,230 --> 00:32:50,500  
There was them marks,  
like you some people used

664  
00:32:50,500 --> 00:32:53,860  
to put down monumental,  
like from Jesus and Mary,

665  
00:32:53,860 --> 00:32:56,620  
some monument with  
a little hood on it.

666  
00:32:56,620 --> 00:32:58,480  
Down there, as far  
as I got there,

667  
00:32:58,480 --> 00:33:01,240  
I left the horse, tied him up.

668  
00:33:01,240 --> 00:33:02,260  
I didn't tie him up.

669



00:33:02,260 --> 00:33:03,510  
I put him on the fields.

670  
00:33:03,510 --> 00:33:05,680  
But that horse got back to him.

671  
00:33:05,680 --> 00:33:12,430  
Usually horses somehow got  
back after I talked to him.

672  
00:33:12,430 --> 00:33:15,430  
And I got away.

673  
00:33:15,430 --> 00:33:17,380  
That was one episode.

674  
00:33:17,380 --> 00:33:21,070  
Another episode, the  
same after a while--

675  
00:33:21,070 --> 00:33:23,500  
after a while that  
was one thing.

676  
00:33:23,500 --> 00:33:25,160  
I didn't go join the camp.

677  
00:33:25,160 --> 00:33:30,770  
Another thing is, right  
after I would have be gone,

678  
00:33:30,770 --> 00:33:33,070  
the Germans would  
have caught me.

679  
00:33:33,070 --> 00:33:38,410  
And not to look for me, for  
look for the Polish boys.

680  
00:33:38,410 --> 00:33:41,590  
And I got away from  
this thing, too.

681

00:33:41,590 --> 00:33:43,867

And that's thing.

682

00:33:43,867 --> 00:33:45,700

Hanging around for a  
while, I didn't go back

683

00:33:45,700 --> 00:33:47,830

into the city for a while.

684

00:33:47,830 --> 00:33:51,160

And very little I  
went in back to that.

685

00:33:51,160 --> 00:33:55,100

I didn't like his attitude.

686

00:33:55,100 --> 00:33:57,660

He had an ordinary attitude.

687

00:33:57,660 --> 00:34:05,140

Not she, but he was a smith,  
a very vigorous, tall man.

688

00:34:05,140 --> 00:34:07,360

I remember he stays  
right in front of me

689

00:34:07,360 --> 00:34:10,790

when he was talking to  
me and things like this.

690

00:34:10,790 --> 00:34:18,400

Not I was touchy or very like,  
oh, don't talk to me like this.

691

00:34:18,400 --> 00:34:20,230

But I could sense of it--

692

00:34:20,230 --> 00:34:21,020

Was it instinct?

693  
00:34:21,020 --> 00:34:21,670  
Huh?

694  
00:34:21,670 --> 00:34:22,719  
Instinct?

695  
00:34:22,719 --> 00:34:28,780  
That was his upbringing  
and his way of expression.

696  
00:34:28,780 --> 00:34:31,239  
Very ordinary, you know.

697  
00:34:31,239 --> 00:34:36,489  
He knows that he's got me  
in his palm, like so to say.

698  
00:34:36,489 --> 00:34:40,530  
He knows that he's the master.

699  
00:34:40,530 --> 00:34:42,150  
Even--

700  
00:34:42,150 --> 00:34:42,989  
You could tell that.

701  
00:34:42,989 --> 00:34:43,889  
Sure.

702  
00:34:43,889 --> 00:34:46,949  
But not to his wife.

703  
00:34:46,949 --> 00:34:53,100  
And I ran away, and I never  
got back to him until one day

704  
00:34:53,100 --> 00:34:55,380  
I went back into the city.

705  
00:34:55,380 --> 00:35:00,180  
So we had-- our city

was a city of furs.

706

00:35:00,180 --> 00:35:02,820

They used to make furs.

707

00:35:02,820 --> 00:35:04,590

Industrial city.

708

00:35:04,590 --> 00:35:06,350

They made furs.

709

00:35:06,350 --> 00:35:12,600

And that was during the time  
when Hitler invaded Russia.

710

00:35:12,600 --> 00:35:15,630

And they needed to  
prepare themselves

711

00:35:15,630 --> 00:35:19,000

with furs on the Russian front.

712

00:35:19,000 --> 00:35:20,190

So where do they come?

713

00:35:20,190 --> 00:35:22,230

They went into our city.

714

00:35:22,230 --> 00:35:24,510

And they made their people,  
wherever they had fur,

715

00:35:24,510 --> 00:35:25,370

to produce the fur.

716

00:35:25,370 --> 00:35:27,390

They brought them in skins.

717

00:35:27,390 --> 00:35:33,030

And there was a few Jews  
down there, where they--

718

00:35:33,030 --> 00:35:34,720

not they needed them.

719

00:35:34,720 --> 00:35:39,990

There had a formula of producing  
the leather to make it soft.

720

00:35:39,990 --> 00:35:42,000

They had the formula for it.

721

00:35:42,000 --> 00:35:45,990

And them people, there  
was one Jew from Warsaw.

722

00:35:45,990 --> 00:35:49,000

His name was [? Fidesz ?].

723

00:35:49,000 --> 00:35:50,010

One.

724

00:35:50,010 --> 00:35:54,930

And there was a couple of Jews,  
a father and a couple of sons

725

00:35:54,930 --> 00:35:59,080

was Mr. Blank.

726

00:35:59,080 --> 00:36:03,490

He was in that factory  
down there, in the back.

727

00:36:03,490 --> 00:36:06,220

And the one-- and I  
know about them there.

728

00:36:06,220 --> 00:36:09,370

They left me know messages, if  
I could do something for them

729

00:36:09,370 --> 00:36:12,400

to take him out of there.

730

00:36:12,400 --> 00:36:15,335

It was very like  
going towards the--

731

00:36:15,335 --> 00:36:18,400

they were fighting  
towards Zytomierz,

732

00:36:18,400 --> 00:36:21,630

towards the area  
Kiev, never losing,

733

00:36:21,630 --> 00:36:24,160

the Germans, the  
battle down there.

734

00:36:24,160 --> 00:36:28,210

And then people older  
than I am, educated,

735

00:36:28,210 --> 00:36:30,870

they knew how to do  
things like this.

736

00:36:30,870 --> 00:36:32,470

You had to be pretty  
clever to have

737

00:36:32,470 --> 00:36:35,188

formulas and things like this.

738

00:36:35,188 --> 00:36:37,480

And they said to me-- one  
day, they made an appointment

739

00:36:37,480 --> 00:36:38,260

with me.

740

00:36:38,260 --> 00:36:42,890

That guy [Fidesz] and that  
guy Mr. Blank with his sons,

741

00:36:42,890 --> 00:36:47,200  
and said to me, "Joe,  
you're on the fields.

742  
00:36:47,200 --> 00:36:52,320  
Can you find us a hiding  
place with a farmer?"

743  
00:36:52,320 --> 00:36:56,170  
I says, "I'll see  
what I can do."

744  
00:36:56,170 --> 00:37:02,840  
And I used to run around  
from field to field.

745  
00:37:02,840 --> 00:37:04,960  
I was like a rabbit.

746  
00:37:04,960 --> 00:37:11,110  
No-- to me was no  
roads and houses

747  
00:37:11,110 --> 00:37:13,630  
I avoided all the  
time, at all time.

748  
00:37:13,630 --> 00:37:19,640  
Even sometimes stacks of hay,  
I didn't know who was in them.

749  
00:37:19,640 --> 00:37:24,690  
The only thing that I  
recognized is empty fields.

750  
00:37:24,690 --> 00:37:26,460  
I did recognize.

751  
00:37:26,460 --> 00:37:29,940  
And two, in the  
summertime, I didn't--

752  
00:37:29,940 --> 00:37:34,410

couldn't trust myself with  
it, where they had they

753

00:37:34,410 --> 00:37:41,790  
were growing the wheat high and  
they had the barley growing.

754

00:37:41,790 --> 00:37:47,580  
And I was leery, very  
leery to go near them, too.

755

00:37:47,580 --> 00:37:51,130  
I used to go all the way  
with different [INAUDIBLE]..

756

00:37:51,130 --> 00:37:58,320  
So finally, I said to them,  
"I'll find you something."

757

00:37:58,320 --> 00:38:02,930  
That was-- but I kept  
contact with them.

758

00:38:02,930 --> 00:38:07,580  
But one day, I wanted to  
keep contact with them.

759

00:38:07,580 --> 00:38:11,090  
And then somehow I  
set a date with them.

760

00:38:11,090 --> 00:38:13,815  
In between, I had that  
guy who used to give me--

761

00:38:13,815 --> 00:38:16,440  
he had at barn with cows.

762

00:38:16,440 --> 00:38:19,015  
He knew my father, my  
mother, the whole family.

763

00:38:19,015 --> 00:38:21,390



And once in a while, he used  
to give me a bottle of milk.

764  
00:38:21,390 --> 00:38:25,510  
And I used to carry it all  
the time, a bottle of milk.

765  
00:38:25,510 --> 00:38:28,200  
So there comes in  
my mother's sister,

766  
00:38:28,200 --> 00:38:32,520  
her son was shot in the  
woods in Klementowice.

767  
00:38:32,520 --> 00:38:36,120  
All of a sudden, one day, I  
found there on the fields--

768  
00:38:36,120 --> 00:38:39,240  
somebody must have told them  
that we are moving around,

769  
00:38:39,240 --> 00:38:40,680  
from the Jewish people.

770  
00:38:40,680 --> 00:38:42,170  
She didn't find out from the--

771  
00:38:42,170 --> 00:38:45,510  
But somewhere, someone  
told her that we are--

772  
00:38:45,510 --> 00:38:47,910  
and all of a sudden, I found  
there my mother's sister.

773  
00:38:47,910 --> 00:38:52,310  
She is a very sick  
person, sick of asthma.

774  
00:38:52,310 --> 00:38:56,890  
And she was crying that

Harry, her son, got killed.

775

00:38:56,890 --> 00:38:58,050

She knew about it.

776

00:38:58,050 --> 00:38:59,340

And was crying.

777

00:38:59,340 --> 00:39:01,500

She made me cry.

778

00:39:01,500 --> 00:39:07,550

And it was a constant  
agony for me,

779

00:39:07,550 --> 00:39:10,630

not I didn't want  
her to survive.

780

00:39:10,630 --> 00:39:14,256

And I hadn't the heart  
of like some younger

781

00:39:14,256 --> 00:39:18,390

persons say, "hey, I don't have  
no time for you" or something.

782

00:39:18,390 --> 00:39:20,460

I took her with me.

783

00:39:20,460 --> 00:39:23,970

Wherever I went, I  
took her with me.

784

00:39:23,970 --> 00:39:28,440

During that summer, what had  
happened, the farmer where

785

00:39:28,440 --> 00:39:34,290

she stayed, giving away all  
the money, she didn't go away.

786

00:39:34,290 --> 00:39:36,900  
He threw her out, so to say.

787  
00:39:36,900 --> 00:39:37,950  
She found out.

788  
00:39:37,950 --> 00:39:40,950  
Then after she was  
thrown out from the barn,

789  
00:39:40,950 --> 00:39:42,900  
he was afraid for his  
own family, maybe.

790  
00:39:42,900 --> 00:39:47,120  
Or he had all her money, and  
he didn't care anymore for her.

791  
00:39:47,120 --> 00:39:50,050  
And I took her along with me.

792  
00:39:50,050 --> 00:39:53,530  
I took her along with me.

793  
00:39:53,530 --> 00:39:56,600  
And I was traveling around  
in the fields with her.

794  
00:39:56,600 --> 00:39:59,220  
And I carried a bottle  
of always with me,

795  
00:39:59,220 --> 00:40:01,150  
or I needed some water.

796  
00:40:01,150 --> 00:40:03,290  
I was a distance already.

797  
00:40:03,290 --> 00:40:07,330  
I had a little bag with me.

798  
00:40:07,330 --> 00:40:09,330

And all of a sudden,  
I said to my aunt,

799  
00:40:09,330 --> 00:40:11,730  
O came before the  
town was a creek.

800  
00:40:11,730 --> 00:40:15,140  
There was-- in our town there  
was all some little waters,

801  
00:40:15,140 --> 00:40:17,740  
little creeks, and big waters.

802  
00:40:17,740 --> 00:40:19,520  
There were fisheries down there.

803  
00:40:19,520 --> 00:40:25,230  
And I said to her, "you  
know, Aunt, stay here.

804  
00:40:25,230 --> 00:40:27,780  
I'm going in to get  
some milk and bread."

805  
00:40:27,780 --> 00:40:33,090  
It was already getting  
dark in the summertime.

806  
00:40:33,090 --> 00:40:35,150  
I didn't trust myself to  
go in during the daytime

807  
00:40:35,150 --> 00:40:35,870  
into the city.

808  
00:40:35,870 --> 00:40:41,840  
It was very daring as it is to  
go in with the Germans around.

809  
00:40:41,840 --> 00:40:45,560  
And I broke the bottle.

810

00:40:45,560 --> 00:40:48,200

You know, they say  
it's superstitious.

811

00:40:48,200 --> 00:40:50,460

I said, look at this.

812

00:40:50,460 --> 00:40:52,550

So my aunt didn't want  
to go away from me.

813

00:40:52,550 --> 00:40:54,180

She wanted to come  
along with me.

814

00:40:54,180 --> 00:40:55,010

I says, fine.

815

00:40:55,010 --> 00:40:56,330

OK, come with me.

816

00:40:56,330 --> 00:40:57,940

What can it be?

817

00:40:57,940 --> 00:40:59,840

Let her come with me.

818

00:40:59,840 --> 00:41:02,700

But I even said to  
her, if I have to run,

819

00:41:02,700 --> 00:41:04,110

you wouldn't be able to run.

820

00:41:04,110 --> 00:41:05,160

Stay here.

821

00:41:05,160 --> 00:41:08,162

No, she says, "you  
must take me with you."

822

00:41:08,162 --> 00:41:09,370  
And I took her along with me.

823  
00:41:09,370 --> 00:41:11,580  
I took her along with me.

824  
00:41:11,580 --> 00:41:13,110  
I broke the bottle  
a little right

825  
00:41:13,110 --> 00:41:15,240  
after I was going down the--

826  
00:41:15,240 --> 00:41:18,227  
it fell something  
down out of my hand.

827  
00:41:18,227 --> 00:41:20,310  
I thought myself, I'll get  
a bottle from that guy.

828  
00:41:20,310 --> 00:41:22,030  
He'll give me another  
bottle or give me

829  
00:41:22,030 --> 00:41:23,280  
some kind of a little thing.

830  
00:41:23,280 --> 00:41:27,060  
That was a very  
comfortable bottle for me.

831  
00:41:27,060 --> 00:41:28,230  
I could get enough water.

832  
00:41:28,230 --> 00:41:29,610  
I could get enough milk.

833  
00:41:29,610 --> 00:41:33,860  
If you give me a little  
milk, I know it was enough.

834

00:41:33,860 --> 00:41:41,370

And as a go in with my aunt,  
they robbed that fur places,

835

00:41:41,370 --> 00:41:44,000

in that area where  
the Jews were there.

836

00:41:44,000 --> 00:41:49,050

You know, Mr. Blank and  
Figasz and that factory.

837

00:41:49,050 --> 00:41:51,540

The underground, the  
Polish underground,

838

00:41:51,540 --> 00:41:54,280

before the Russian came for  
the fur, they took them away.

839

00:41:54,280 --> 00:41:57,700

840

00:41:57,700 --> 00:42:02,330

As they took them away, the  
Germans were very angry.

841

00:42:02,330 --> 00:42:06,120

They surrounded  
every night our town.

842

00:42:06,120 --> 00:42:10,540

Anyhow, or they surrendered  
different points of the area.

843

00:42:10,540 --> 00:42:14,300

The thoroughfares, main  
thoroughfares, main arteries.

844

00:42:14,300 --> 00:42:19,940

As I walked down,  
it was like a fence.

845

00:42:19,940 --> 00:42:24,480  
All of a sudden, two SS come  
with the bayonets at me.

846  
00:42:24,480 --> 00:42:26,950  
"Stop."

847  
00:42:26,950 --> 00:42:31,370  
Like they say, "stop."

848  
00:42:31,370 --> 00:42:35,220  
And they're pointing the  
bayonets at me and my aunt.

849  
00:42:35,220 --> 00:42:38,000  
I thought myself, "I am gone."

850  
00:42:38,000 --> 00:42:40,620

851  
00:42:40,620 --> 00:42:42,820  
So they start questioning me.

852  
00:42:42,820 --> 00:42:43,890  
I told them I am Polish.

853  
00:42:43,890 --> 00:42:46,120  
I didn't speak to him--

854  
00:42:46,120 --> 00:42:48,290  
I used always my  
Polish language.

855  
00:42:48,290 --> 00:42:50,360  
I spoke Jewish and  
things like this,

856  
00:42:50,360 --> 00:42:54,400  
but I never, never  
used but Polish.

857  
00:42:54,400 --> 00:42:56,000



And I talked to him in Polish.

858

00:42:56,000 --> 00:42:58,870  
I thought myself, I'm not going  
to talk to you in Polish--

859

00:42:58,870 --> 00:42:59,960  
in Jewish or something.

860

00:42:59,960 --> 00:43:03,080  
I'm not going to  
reveal I'm a Jew.

861

00:43:03,080 --> 00:43:05,237  
So they took me--

862

00:43:05,237 --> 00:43:06,070  
they were satisfied.

863

00:43:06,070 --> 00:43:11,060  
They wanted to check me out  
in the office by that factory

864

00:43:11,060 --> 00:43:12,190  
down there.

865

00:43:12,190 --> 00:43:14,990  
But maybe somebody saw them  
guys that was robbing them.

866

00:43:14,990 --> 00:43:17,300  
You know what I mean?

867

00:43:17,300 --> 00:43:19,790  
And they took me  
back down there.

868

00:43:19,790 --> 00:43:20,990  
And there used to be--

869

00:43:20,990 --> 00:43:24,920  
the Germans used to do--

they used to take one police

870

00:43:24,920 --> 00:43:26,890

unit from my town, that unit.

871

00:43:26,890 --> 00:43:30,230

And they took him into

Konskowola, 10 miles away

872

00:43:30,230 --> 00:43:32,690

to my aunt's town.

873

00:43:32,690 --> 00:43:38,450

And they used to take the

unit of the Polish police

874

00:43:38,450 --> 00:43:41,810

from Konskowla into

my town, to Kurow.

875

00:43:41,810 --> 00:43:44,360

They made the exchange that

they feed the population

876

00:43:44,360 --> 00:43:45,730

from this area.

877

00:43:45,730 --> 00:43:50,360

Will not have no

contact with them

878

00:43:50,360 --> 00:43:52,820

to wheel and deal with them.

879

00:43:52,820 --> 00:43:55,830

You know, the Germans

secured themselves with that.

880

00:43:55,830 --> 00:44:00,050

So all of a sudden, I

was just [INAUDIBLE]

881

00:44:00,050 --> 00:44:02,190  
down with the hands.

882  
00:44:02,190 --> 00:44:03,650  
Anyway, we're down there.

883  
00:44:03,650 --> 00:44:05,790  
The Germans kind  
of left me alone

884  
00:44:05,790 --> 00:44:11,090  
on the side And all  
of a sudden, the guy--

885  
00:44:11,090 --> 00:44:14,960  
the-- guy, a  
policeman comes down

886  
00:44:14,960 --> 00:44:18,320  
to check me out with my aunt.

887  
00:44:18,320 --> 00:44:25,390  
He says, "you know, he was from  
her town, from KÅ³nskowola."

888  
00:44:25,390 --> 00:44:26,600  
He recognized her?

889  
00:44:26,600 --> 00:44:28,610  
He says, "Mrs. Zuckermann,  
you're still alive."

890  
00:44:28,610 --> 00:44:32,010

891  
00:44:32,010 --> 00:44:33,760  
There I was recognized.

892  
00:44:33,760 --> 00:44:37,450  
That means I lied to the  
German police, to the SS.

893

00:44:37,450 --> 00:44:40,090

894

00:44:40,090 --> 00:44:40,720

You know?

895

00:44:40,720 --> 00:44:45,640

That took on a different  
picture, me with her.

896

00:44:45,640 --> 00:44:47,140

The policeman says--

897

00:44:47,140 --> 00:44:48,260

I remember his name.

898

00:44:48,260 --> 00:44:53,320

His name was Sadurski,  
a little short guy.

899

00:44:53,320 --> 00:44:56,980

I didn't know him, but I  
used to-- once in a while

900

00:44:56,980 --> 00:44:59,650

as a youngster, my aunt  
used to bring me over.

901

00:44:59,650 --> 00:45:02,670

She had a son my age.

902

00:45:02,670 --> 00:45:07,450

And she used to bring me  
over, go over from my mother

903

00:45:07,450 --> 00:45:08,250

into her town.

904

00:45:08,250 --> 00:45:09,730

They used to stay there.

905

00:45:09,730 --> 00:45:11,777

And they used to  
have a business.

906  
00:45:11,777 --> 00:45:13,360  
And he used to come  
in, that policeman

907  
00:45:13,360 --> 00:45:15,760  
used to come into their store.

908  
00:45:15,760 --> 00:45:18,240  
I vaguely recognized  
him from that.

909  
00:45:18,240 --> 00:45:20,940  
That Sadurski said,  
"Mrs. Zuckermann,

910  
00:45:20,940 --> 00:45:24,190  
you're still alive."

911  
00:45:24,190 --> 00:45:28,150  
Then comes in-- before  
all around, there

912  
00:45:28,150 --> 00:45:34,990  
were a lot of Polish people,  
like from the factory workers,

913  
00:45:34,990 --> 00:45:37,690  
like people lived around  
there, they get around there.

914  
00:45:37,690 --> 00:45:45,100  
That afternoon I could see  
some very ordinary people, who

915  
00:45:45,100 --> 00:45:50,610  
demolished our town, were  
robbing, taking away.

916  
00:45:50,610 --> 00:45:53,110  
Let's say even when

we still were in town,

917

00:45:53,110 --> 00:45:57,520

they used to wrestle away  
from the Jews things.

918

00:45:57,520 --> 00:46:00,520

But they couldn't  
help themselves.

919

00:46:00,520 --> 00:46:03,220

So that guy, the  
policeman recognized.

920

00:46:03,220 --> 00:46:04,562

And then they took me down.

921

00:46:04,562 --> 00:46:05,770

They put me towards the wall.

922

00:46:05,770 --> 00:46:08,100

Can I express myself,  
get up and show you how?

923

00:46:08,100 --> 00:46:08,600

Please.

924

00:46:08,600 --> 00:46:10,892

Well, you have to take-- you  
may have take you mic off.

925

00:46:10,892 --> 00:46:12,300

I don't know.

926

00:46:12,300 --> 00:46:14,300

No, or is it far away?

927

00:46:14,300 --> 00:46:16,710

No, I could master  
it-- to go down there.

928

00:46:16,710 --> 00:46:18,040

OK.

929

00:46:18,040 --> 00:46:26,490

They took me down, my aunt and  
me, put me towards that wall.

930

00:46:26,490 --> 00:46:27,450

Yeah.

931

00:46:27,450 --> 00:46:30,370

And they start beating  
me in the sides,

932

00:46:30,370 --> 00:46:41,740

and my aunt with different  
pieces from the bayonet.

933

00:46:41,740 --> 00:46:44,170

Not bayonet, with the end  
of this, knocking on me,

934

00:46:44,170 --> 00:46:45,460

I saw gone.

935

00:46:45,460 --> 00:46:48,710

They're saying to me, there was  
no Jews in our town that time.

936

00:46:48,710 --> 00:46:49,510

They was gone.

937

00:46:49,510 --> 00:46:52,390

They were busy with  
the Russian front.

938

00:46:52,390 --> 00:46:55,180

Just anything was  
disposed of, killed

939

00:46:55,180 --> 00:46:59,240

like they found some Jews or  
some people they didn't like,

940

00:46:59,240 --> 00:47:01,240

they just disposed of  
them, one, two, three.

941

00:47:01,240 --> 00:47:03,880

942

00:47:03,880 --> 00:47:08,180

And I thought myself, I'm not  
going to die on this wall.

943

00:47:08,180 --> 00:47:09,580

I picked myself up.

944

00:47:09,580 --> 00:47:12,880

945

00:47:12,880 --> 00:47:13,990

And I don't know how.

946

00:47:13,990 --> 00:47:17,464

There was marshes around there.

947

00:47:17,464 --> 00:47:18,790

And there was like--

948

00:47:18,790 --> 00:47:21,496

949

00:47:21,496 --> 00:47:23,190

and I ran away.

950

00:47:23,190 --> 00:47:27,000

Somehow I took off and ran.

951

00:47:27,000 --> 00:47:29,910

Well, they turned their back  
or they must have went away.

952

00:47:29,910 --> 00:47:33,650

It's already going



to be 50 years.

953

00:47:33,650 --> 00:47:35,570

And I ran.

954

00:47:35,570 --> 00:47:38,730

They were shooting after  
me, but somehow I got away.

955

00:47:38,730 --> 00:47:43,610

It was already like dark, dark.

956

00:47:43,610 --> 00:47:45,990

And I got away somehow.

957

00:47:45,990 --> 00:47:48,930

And my aunt couldn't get away.

958

00:47:48,930 --> 00:47:50,750

She stayed there.

959

00:47:50,750 --> 00:47:54,900

But what happened, as I  
ran, I went through a wood.

960

00:47:54,900 --> 00:47:57,950

I had to go through a wood where  
the Germans, their vehicles

961

00:47:57,950 --> 00:47:59,210

and all that stuff.

962

00:47:59,210 --> 00:48:01,230

I was going through.

963

00:48:01,230 --> 00:48:02,390

It was like a--

964

00:48:02,390 --> 00:48:04,930

they used to make  
flour, like mill.

965

00:48:04,930 --> 00:48:07,280

They make flour  
there and things.

966

00:48:07,280 --> 00:48:09,940

And I went down there like this.

967

00:48:09,940 --> 00:48:11,420

And I went into some--

968

00:48:11,420 --> 00:48:13,440

I couldn't-- I was exhausted.

969

00:48:13,440 --> 00:48:17,170

But I ran away where I know  
no one is coming after me.

970

00:48:17,170 --> 00:48:21,620

And I must have ran out maybe  
a kilometer or maybe two.

971

00:48:21,620 --> 00:48:25,550

And I ran into a  
bush, and hid there.

972

00:48:25,550 --> 00:48:28,230

What happened?

973

00:48:28,230 --> 00:48:29,550

What happened?

974

00:48:29,550 --> 00:48:31,870

I sometimes got away,  
and I was lying there.

975

00:48:31,870 --> 00:48:33,675

But all of a sudden,  
my face was burning.

976

00:48:33,675 --> 00:48:37,600

977

00:48:37,600 --> 00:48:40,460

And I got somehow like--

978

00:48:40,460 --> 00:48:43,640

what do you call that

burning leaves you have on--

979

00:48:43,640 --> 00:48:44,690

Poison ivy?

980

00:48:44,690 --> 00:48:45,290

Poison--

981

00:48:45,290 --> 00:48:45,790

Huh?

982

00:48:45,790 --> 00:48:47,060

Poison ivy.

983

00:48:47,060 --> 00:48:51,050

Yes, I ran into a

poison ivy thing.

984

00:48:51,050 --> 00:48:51,770

Bush.

985

00:48:51,770 --> 00:48:52,280

Bush.

986

00:48:52,280 --> 00:48:55,570

And everything was burning on  
me, my face and everything.

987

00:48:55,570 --> 00:48:58,040

I didn't care anymore,  
what it was down to me,

988

00:48:58,040 --> 00:48:59,600

as long as I was away.

989

00:48:59,600 --> 00:49:02,780

And it got dark, and I took  
off and went away back to them

990  
00:49:02,780 --> 00:49:07,870  
fields from where I came from  
in a different direction.

991  
00:49:07,870 --> 00:49:08,800  
And I got away.

992  
00:49:08,800 --> 00:49:11,380  
And they killed my aunt.

993  
00:49:11,380 --> 00:49:13,480  
They killed her.

994  
00:49:13,480 --> 00:49:14,980  
But they didn't  
kill her down there.

995  
00:49:14,980 --> 00:49:17,550  
They took her away  
somewhere with a wagon,

996  
00:49:17,550 --> 00:49:19,280  
and they killed her.

997  
00:49:19,280 --> 00:49:21,230  
And I went away at that time.

998  
00:49:21,230 --> 00:49:23,880  
And I somehow got away.

999  
00:49:23,880 --> 00:49:30,580  
And what happened is, I didn't  
know but they had the Jewish--

1000  
00:49:30,580 --> 00:49:34,090  
when I was standing with  
my hands towards that wall,

1001  
00:49:34,090 --> 00:49:36,610

in the back of  
this barn were them

1002  
00:49:36,610 --> 00:49:39,910  
Jewish people who were  
waiting for this factory,

1003  
00:49:39,910 --> 00:49:44,092  
producing the fur and working  
out the fur and the leather.

1004  
00:49:44,092 --> 00:49:45,550  
They were in the  
back of that farm.

1005  
00:49:45,550 --> 00:49:48,790  
They knew all about it.

1006  
00:49:48,790 --> 00:49:50,965  
They already knew  
what happened to me.

1007  
00:49:50,965 --> 00:49:52,775  
That they caught me down there.

1008  
00:49:52,775 --> 00:49:55,540  
They were talking and the whole.

1009  
00:49:55,540 --> 00:49:58,030  
But they were right in  
the back of this barn.

1010  
00:49:58,030 --> 00:50:00,310  
I don't know how come they  
were back in that barn,

1011  
00:50:00,310 --> 00:50:02,110  
but they were there.

1012  
00:50:02,110 --> 00:50:05,500  
But they kept them  
just like for work.

1013

00:50:05,500 --> 00:50:07,180

And I got away somehow.

1014

00:50:07,180 --> 00:50:12,620

And that was-- she was gone.

1015

00:50:12,620 --> 00:50:20,250

And I was back on the fields  
by myself with the farm.

1016

00:50:20,250 --> 00:50:24,970

So there it was bothering  
me awful, my hands, my face.

1017

00:50:24,970 --> 00:50:30,450

And I come into a farm.

1018

00:50:30,450 --> 00:50:31,590

I know that person.

1019

00:50:31,590 --> 00:50:34,460

1020

00:50:34,460 --> 00:50:37,140

That was-- and he  
saw all my face.

1021

00:50:37,140 --> 00:50:38,160

I didn't have a mirror.

1022

00:50:38,160 --> 00:50:40,570

He says-- but you  
have no mirrors,

1023

00:50:40,570 --> 00:50:42,900

they got a mirror there.

1024

00:50:42,900 --> 00:50:44,850

He says, "your  
whole face is red.

1025

00:50:44,850 --> 00:50:46,500  
What happened to you?"

1026  
00:50:46,500 --> 00:50:47,970  
I told him like I fell in.

1027  
00:50:47,970 --> 00:50:50,400  
And they call it in Polish--

1028  
00:50:50,400 --> 00:50:52,640  
they call it  
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..

1029  
00:50:52,640 --> 00:50:53,640  
I remember now.

1030  
00:50:53,640 --> 00:50:57,240  
I don't remember what  
I had done a week ago,

1031  
00:50:57,240 --> 00:51:00,420  
but I remember that word,  
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..

1032  
00:51:00,420 --> 00:51:02,820  
So he said, the farmer,  
you must have had some

1033  
00:51:02,820 --> 00:51:04,240  
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH].

1034  
00:51:04,240 --> 00:51:07,140  
That's like that--

1035  
00:51:07,140 --> 00:51:07,720  
Poison ivy.

1036  
00:51:07,720 --> 00:51:09,840  
Poison ivy.

1037  
00:51:09,840 --> 00:51:11,390  
And I said to him--

1038  
00:51:11,390 --> 00:51:13,050  
well, I said to him,  
I don't recall it,

1039  
00:51:13,050 --> 00:51:14,910  
"you have anything  
against this?"

1040  
00:51:14,910 --> 00:51:17,000  
He says, "I haven't got nothing.

1041  
00:51:17,000 --> 00:51:21,390  
But the only thing is, I  
could give you a remedy."

1042  
00:51:21,390 --> 00:51:22,920  
He told me or she told me--

1043  
00:51:22,920 --> 00:51:24,590  
I can't recall it--

1044  
00:51:24,590 --> 00:51:29,860  
that might sound funny,  
but that's true to life.

1045  
00:51:29,860 --> 00:51:33,440

1046  
00:51:33,440 --> 00:51:40,360  
I had to urinate on a piece of  
cloth, and put it to my face.

1047  
00:51:40,360 --> 00:51:44,590  
That was their medical thing.

1048  
00:51:44,590 --> 00:51:46,870  
And that helped me somehow.

1049  
00:51:46,870 --> 00:51:50,470  
I don't know what it does, but  
that's what he told me to do.



1050  
00:51:50,470 --> 00:51:51,130  
And I did it.

1051  
00:51:51,130 --> 00:51:58,600  
I would have done anything and  
put it to them burning places.

1052  
00:51:58,600 --> 00:52:02,047  
And even when you had a  
cut, you had it to do this.

1053  
00:52:02,047 --> 00:52:03,130  
Are you going to a doctor?

1054  
00:52:03,130 --> 00:52:04,713  
Where are you going  
to take a bandage?

1055  
00:52:04,713 --> 00:52:09,045

1056  
00:52:09,045 --> 00:52:10,170  
You couldn't get a bandage.

1057  
00:52:10,170 --> 00:52:15,960  
You couldn't get a piece a clean  
cotton or paper or something.

1058  
00:52:15,960 --> 00:52:21,040  
And somehow it subsided  
with that, or subsided,

1059  
00:52:21,040 --> 00:52:22,910  
but I think that helped.

1060  
00:52:22,910 --> 00:52:23,910  
I would say that helped.

1061  
00:52:23,910 --> 00:52:27,500

1062

00:52:27,500 --> 00:52:32,470

And I got through that.

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00:52:32,470 --> 00:52:35,500

Things like this.

1064

00:52:35,500 --> 00:52:40,660

Then I hanged around  
down there in this area,

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00:52:40,660 --> 00:52:42,520

and in them fields.

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00:52:42,520 --> 00:52:45,430

Wherever I slept, I didn't eat.

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00:52:45,430 --> 00:52:47,270

Whenever I ate, I didn't sleep.

1068

00:52:47,270 --> 00:52:53,330

I used to be like on the fields.

1069

00:52:53,330 --> 00:52:54,490

It's funny.

1070

00:52:54,490 --> 00:52:59,020

It's very-- I think  
it's not funny to me.

1071

00:52:59,020 --> 00:53:04,120

I used to envy the animals  
sitting on the fields,

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00:53:04,120 --> 00:53:07,330

just plain looking at  
them and envying them.

1073

00:53:07,330 --> 00:53:10,090

Did you think you'd be saved?

1074

00:53:10,090 --> 00:53:17,080

Let me say, I had a--

1075  
00:53:17,080 --> 00:53:24,930  
I had a thinking of  
even today it must work.

1076  
00:53:24,930 --> 00:53:27,230  
I must survive.

1077  
00:53:27,230 --> 00:53:29,996  
I didn't know if I'm going  
to survive, but I worked--

1078  
00:53:29,996 --> 00:53:34,510  
I didn't give myself a  
chance of not surviving, not

1079  
00:53:34,510 --> 00:53:36,180  
thinking of non-survival.

1080  
00:53:36,180 --> 00:53:41,490

1081  
00:53:41,490 --> 00:53:44,870  
My thinking was positive.

1082  
00:53:44,870 --> 00:53:47,245  
I didn't have no newspaper.

1083  
00:53:47,245 --> 00:53:48,620  
I didn't have no--  
the only thing

1084  
00:53:48,620 --> 00:53:51,880  
what I get, I used to  
get it from the farmers

1085  
00:53:51,880 --> 00:53:56,240  
or from some people,  
that, oh, they're

1086  
00:53:56,240 --> 00:53:57,575

being pushed back from Kiev.

1087  
00:53:57,575 --> 00:54:00,490  
They're being pushed  
back from Zytomierz.

1088  
00:54:00,490 --> 00:54:02,360  
There was a very big  
fight, Zytomierz.

1089  
00:54:02,360 --> 00:54:05,360  
They're being pushed back  
from different-- by the Bug

1090  
00:54:05,360 --> 00:54:07,850  
down there, on the Bug.

1091  
00:54:07,850 --> 00:54:11,660  
And that was a little  
bit more, I think.

1092  
00:54:11,660 --> 00:54:14,460  
But that wasn't much to me.

1093  
00:54:14,460 --> 00:54:17,990  
Well, I could have  
been killed any moment.

1094  
00:54:17,990 --> 00:54:18,770  
Any moment.

1095  
00:54:18,770 --> 00:54:20,850  
I had an episode, I  
was lying on the field.

1096  
00:54:20,850 --> 00:54:25,790  
One day, we had a date, I  
and my father and my brother.

1097  
00:54:25,790 --> 00:54:28,950  
We had some kind of a date, I  
don't know what was the matter.

1098

00:54:28,950 --> 00:54:32,600

There was a field where there  
was a little train, where

1099

00:54:32,600 --> 00:54:37,910

they used to pick the beets  
up and put them on the train.

1100

00:54:37,910 --> 00:54:42,380

Surrounding the field, there was  
fields where they grew beets.

1101

00:54:42,380 --> 00:54:44,180

I hanged around  
where I could get us

1102

00:54:44,180 --> 00:54:49,510

some food, where there was  
only not growing high bushes.

1103

00:54:49,510 --> 00:54:53,020

I didn't want anybody--  
beets don't grow too high,

1104

00:54:53,020 --> 00:54:57,050

and they could see it  
at a distance, too.

1105

00:54:57,050 --> 00:55:00,140

So one day, we made a date  
to meet there and there.

1106

00:55:00,140 --> 00:55:01,970

And there was a stack of hay.

1107

00:55:01,970 --> 00:55:06,890

They used to have like  
they call it in Polish

1108

00:55:06,890 --> 00:55:08,360

[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH].

1109

00:55:08,360 --> 00:55:13,670  
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH] is in  
Polish an area where there only

1110  
00:55:13,670 --> 00:55:17,480  
think of as seeding as  
hay for the animals.

1111  
00:55:17,480 --> 00:55:20,100  
They had a stack of hay, and  
I was sleeping that night

1112  
00:55:20,100 --> 00:55:22,730  
in that stack of hay  
to meet my father.

1113  
00:55:22,730 --> 00:55:27,780  
And all of a sudden, I hear  
at a distance, you know,

1114  
00:55:27,780 --> 00:55:28,980  
we're sleeping.

1115  
00:55:28,980 --> 00:55:30,550  
And after I got up--

1116  
00:55:30,550 --> 00:55:34,910  
I was a very light  
sleeper at that time.

1117  
00:55:34,910 --> 00:55:39,880  
And I hear like  
crackling from wheels,

1118  
00:55:39,880 --> 00:55:42,190  
moving wheels down there.

1119  
00:55:42,190 --> 00:55:46,360  
I got out, and I looked up in  
the distance, and I could see--

1120  
00:55:46,360 --> 00:55:51,040  
today, I got a lens here,

I got here an implant here.

1121

00:55:51,040 --> 00:55:59,350

At that time, I could  
see a for miles away.

1122

00:55:59,350 --> 00:56:02,320

From not eating the proper  
food, my eyes had got bad,

1123

00:56:02,320 --> 00:56:06,130

my teeth got bad and things.

1124

00:56:06,130 --> 00:56:08,530

The thing is, I  
still have my health.

1125

00:56:08,530 --> 00:56:11,490

I must have eaten at  
that time healthy food.

1126

00:56:11,490 --> 00:56:17,550

Like now they tell you to eat  
all that lettuce and Cabbage

1127

00:56:17,550 --> 00:56:19,930

I ate it.

1128

00:56:19,930 --> 00:56:21,780

I didn't know it  
was healthy food.

1129

00:56:21,780 --> 00:56:23,830

What was good I ate.

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00:56:23,830 --> 00:56:25,300

What was there I ate.

1131

00:56:25,300 --> 00:56:28,650

So at that time I had to  
meet my father in that field.

1132

00:56:28,650 --> 00:56:32,722

And I hear this coming  
up, this wagon coming.

1133

00:56:32,722 --> 00:56:34,180

I looked out, and  
I didn't like it.

1134

00:56:34,180 --> 00:56:37,150

I see three people,  
one in the front,

1135

00:56:37,150 --> 00:56:40,810

distance in the fog I could  
see, and two in the back.

1136

00:56:40,810 --> 00:56:42,410

And I said, that's not too--

1137

00:56:42,410 --> 00:56:45,040

too inviting for me.

1138

00:56:45,040 --> 00:56:48,670

I'm not going to stay there.

1139

00:56:48,670 --> 00:56:51,510

And I see from a  
distance my father's

1140

00:56:51,510 --> 00:56:54,060

coming with my brother,  
like from that area.

1141

00:56:54,060 --> 00:56:55,860

I was staying like here.

1142

00:56:55,860 --> 00:56:59,705

My father is coming towards me.

1143

00:56:59,705 --> 00:57:02,170

And too was there like--

1144



00:57:02,170 --> 00:57:05,840  
a town he was hiding  
was Bachowice,

1145  
00:57:05,840 --> 00:57:08,960  
a town, a Polish farm area.

1146  
00:57:08,960 --> 00:57:11,810  
It was not a town  
but a farm area.

1147  
00:57:11,810 --> 00:57:15,410  
He was there, staying  
there with one of the guys

1148  
00:57:15,410 --> 00:57:20,400  
where he paid him X amount  
of money or something.

1149  
00:57:20,400 --> 00:57:25,640  
He coming towards me,  
and I see somebody

1150  
00:57:25,640 --> 00:57:27,560  
is getting off them wagons.

1151  
00:57:27,560 --> 00:57:29,400  
And what happened?

1152  
00:57:29,400 --> 00:57:30,590  
That's what saved us.

1153  
00:57:30,590 --> 00:57:32,540  
It wouldn't have  
saved us, I think.

1154  
00:57:32,540 --> 00:57:35,190  
Anyway, they were a  
distance away from us.

1155  
00:57:35,190 --> 00:57:36,020  
And I recognized.

1156

00:57:36,020 --> 00:57:40,120  
My father must have recognized,  
too, something with my brother.

1157

00:57:40,120 --> 00:57:41,720  
And we start--

1158

00:57:41,720 --> 00:57:43,760  
I started running.

1159

00:57:43,760 --> 00:57:47,060  
I ran so fast, unbelievable.

1160

00:57:47,060 --> 00:57:50,740  
And all of a sudden, I  
hear shooting after us,

1161

00:57:50,740 --> 00:57:54,050  
the rat-a-tat-tat-tat-tat,  
the machine guns after us.

1162

00:57:54,050 --> 00:57:56,360  
And my father, I  
turned my head, running

1163

00:57:56,360 --> 00:57:59,040  
a different direction, my  
brother a different direction.

1164

00:57:59,040 --> 00:58:01,460  
And the only thing  
what I could imagine

1165

00:58:01,460 --> 00:58:07,610  
saved us were the train for the  
beets was collecting the beets.

1166

00:58:07,610 --> 00:58:10,987  
It was on a high elevation.

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00:58:10,987 --> 00:58:12,320  
You know what I'm talking about?

1168  
00:58:12,320 --> 00:58:12,820  
Yes.

1169  
00:58:12,820 --> 00:58:14,960  
They were on the other  
side of the elevation.

1170  
00:58:14,960 --> 00:58:18,590  
And I was on that  
side of the elevation.

1171  
00:58:18,590 --> 00:58:23,760  
And that must have taken away  
the bullets or something.

1172  
00:58:23,760 --> 00:58:25,380  
And I sometimes-- yeah?

1173  
00:58:25,380 --> 00:58:26,060  
Yeah, go ahead.

1174  
00:58:26,060 --> 00:58:26,400  
Finish.

1175  
00:58:26,400 --> 00:58:27,275  
Finish your sentence.

1176  
00:58:27,275 --> 00:58:28,520  
And I sometimes--

1177  
00:58:28,520 --> 00:58:33,470  
I ran away, and sometimes  
went straight into town.

1178  
00:58:33,470 --> 00:58:36,670  
And with the  
Germans driving by--

1179  
00:58:36,670 --> 00:58:41,390  
it was early in the morning,  
and I somehow got behind a barn,

1180  
00:58:41,390 --> 00:58:44,307  
and I hid.

1181  
00:58:44,307 --> 00:58:45,140  
We have to stop now.

1182  
00:58:45,140 --> 00:58:45,640  
Yes.

1183  
00:58:45,640 --> 00:58:46,280  
OK.

1184  
00:58:46,280 --> 00:58:48,250  
I'm sorry that--

1185  
00:58:48,250 --> 00:58:56,000